

## Board Minutes Monday November 29, 2021

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am November 29, 2021 with all members present.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to open the public hearing on the proposed voting precincts as recommended by the County Temporary Redistricting Commission. Motion carried unanimously. Don Wurtzel and Wanda Hemesath, members of the Commission, thanked the committee and reviewed the process and proposal. Benjamin Steines, County Auditor, also related details involved in the process. Lorraine Borowski, City of Decorah Mayor, also thanked the Commission for their work. No other written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Beard to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Beard and seconded by Vermace to hold the first reading of the proposed ordinance establishing the voting precincts. Motion carried unanimously and the reading was held. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Beard to waive the additional readings. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Beard and seconded by Vermace to adopt the ordinance establishing the voting precincts and approve the agreement with the City of Decorah for shared voting precincts. Motion carried with Beard, Vermace, and Rustad voting aye; and Vick and Langreck voting nay. The ordinance will be on file in the County Auditor's and Recorder's offices and be published as required by law.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Beard to open the public hearing on the proposed loan agreement with USDA Rural Development for additional funding associated with the Burr Oak Sewer project. Motion carried unanimously. One written comment was received, and also presented in person. No additional comments were received. Moved by Rustad and seconded by Beard to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to adopt resolution 22-24 approving the loan agreement and authorizing the execution of the note. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Tony Phillips, Planning, Zoning, and Flood Plain Administrator, presented his FY23 budget.

Bethany Jordan, Martin Gardner Architecture, and Tony Clarke, Deputy Auditor, reviewed the phase one emergency repairs to the Courthouse Tower; and presented the plans and timeline for the phase two Courthouse Tower project.

Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road matters.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Beard to approve the ArcaSearch proposals for digitizing records in the Auditor's and Recorder's Offices. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Marx, County Sheriff, gave a brief update on a car accident involving one of the Deputy Sheriffs.

The Board reviewed the County's policy for paying Health Insurance premiums, to help hire and retain staff. Moved by Vick and seconded by Beard that effective with the FY23 premiums the County will pay all but \$1/month toward the single Option 1 Regular Plan premium and to additionally pay towards any family plan an amount to make the Employee + Child(ren) Regular Plan premium also be \$1/month, with HSA plans requiring HSA contributions to also maintain minimum \$1/month costs. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board virtually to discuss county issues.

The Board reviewed the American Rescue Plan project requests. Moved by Rustad and seconded by Vermace to approve funds for the Lake Meyer and Neste wireless projects, the Fort Atkinson fiber expansion project, the septic projects at Lake Meyer, Kendallville, and Walden Pond, and the 20% match for the flood reduction/water retention projects on Dry Run. Motion carried unanimously. The Board will consider further project funding in January after calculations for lost County revenue for 2021 are completed.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Beard to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed several miscellaneous budgets.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, December 6, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair  
Board of Supervisors